

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Taplan
 Serial No. : 09/935,702
 Filing Date : August 21, 2001
 For : GLASS OR GLASS CERAMIC PLATE WITH
 SAFETY EDGE AND METHOD FOR THE
 MANUFACTURE THEREOF
 Art Unit : 3742
 Examiner : S. Y. Paik

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RULE 116 AMENDMENT

SIR:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated December 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 17 and 24-28 without prejudice, as these have been withdrawn.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The undersigned gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the telephone interview of April 9, 2003, during which the Carter reference used in support of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection and the obviousness rejection was discussed. No agreement was reached, but the Examiner indicated that the following argument would be considered: the telephone discussion focused on the fact that claim 15 requires a "safe edge formed by a cross-sectional profiled portion thicker than the thickness of the plate". The "safe edge" of the claims does not correspond to Carter's item 30 (Fig. 8), nor to item 26 in Fig. 10. Rather, the edge of Carter would be the very tip of item 27 in Fig. 8 or of 27 in Fig. 10, and in